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SUBJECT: APRIL 13 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. PHILIPPINES

AT 4/12 NEWS CONF, MARCOS CHARGED OPPOSITION PARTY HAD
BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR MOST OF REPORTED CHEATING IN ELECTIONS,
BUT SAID SUCH INCIDENTS WERE NOT NUMEROUS ENOUGH TO
WARRANT INVALIDATION OF ENTIRE ELECTION. PRES SAID THAT
AFTER EXPERIMENTING W/EASING MARTIAL LAW, "I SHOULD BE
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MORE PRUDENT AND CAUTIOUS IN DISMANTLING" HIS POWERS UNDER
IT. REPEATED WHAT HE SAID WERE POLICE REPORTS THAT
FOR JOURNALISTS "ACTIVELY GUIDING" LAST SUNDAY'S PROTEST
MARCH. MARCOS ALSO SAID HE HAD LARGE DOSSIER ON CHEATING/
HARASSMENT OF PRO-GOVT FORCES, BUT THAT IT WAS "CLASSIFIED"
(BUTTERFIELD, NYT; ISAACS, SUN; MATHEWS, WP; BICKLER,
REUTER, ALL MANILA).

2. KOREA

OPPOSITION LEGISLATORS IN SKOREAN NATL ASSEMBLY 4/12
ACCUSED US OF INSULTING SK'S SOVEREIGNTY BY ALLEGEDLY
BUGGING BLUE HOUSE. NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHIEF LEE CALLED
ON FONMIN PARK TONG JIN TO RESIGN BECAUSE HE HADN'T

OBTAINED WHAT LEE TERMED SATISFACTORY ANSWER FROM US
ON BUGGING REPORTS (NYT).

MALCOLM (NYT TOKYO) DOES ITEM ON KIM CHONG IL--KIM IL
SUNG'S SON/PRESUMED SUCCESSOR. MALCOLM STATES DIPLO/
INTELL ANALYSTS DEBATING SIGNIFICANCE OF SUDDEN END
TO CAMPAIGN WHICH HAS PROMOTED KIM CHONG IL AS ANOTHER
"GREAT LEADER" OF NK. REPORTS YOUNGER KIM'S PROMINENCE
HAS BEEN DRASTICALLY CURTAILED/PUBLIC APPEARANCES HAVE
DWINDED. RUMORS ALSO AFLOAT OF DEEP FAMILY DIVISIONS/
POSSIBLE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT THAT REPORTEDLY LEFT
KIM CHONG IL IN COMA. ACCORDING NKOREAN, ALMOST
EVERYTHING ABOUT NK SPECULATION, "AND WHETHER YOU CALL
IT 'WILD' OR 'INFORMED' IS UP TO YOU."

3. JAPAN

DOJ HAS DECIDED DROP ANTITRUST PROBE OF JAPANESE COLOR
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TV EXPORTS. ASST ATTY GENRL TOLD SEN JUDICIARY CMTE
4/12, "WE FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF CONCERTED PREDATORY
CONDUCT" INTENDED DESTROY/SUPPLANT US COLOR TV
INDUSTRY (AP, SUN).

REUTER TOKYO SAYS MAJOR JAPANESE PAPERS HAVE EDITORIALY
EXPRESSED RESERVED WELCOME FOR CARTER'S NEW ANTI-
INFLATION MEASURES, BUT DOUBTED THEIR EFFECTIVENESS.
"YOMIURI SHIMBUN" URGED CONGRESS PASS ENERGY BILL/SEEK
REDUCE OIL IMPORTS.

DEFENSE MIN KANEMARU SAID 4/11 JAPAN LOOKING FOR WAYS
HELP US SERVICEMEN IN JAPAN WHO HAVE BEEN HURT BY
FALLING DOLLAR VALUE (AP, NYT).

USG/GOJ REPS MET IN TOKYO THURS TO DISCUSS TERMS WHICH
WOULD ALLOW JAPANESE PRODUCTION/USE OF 2 US MIL PLANES.
NEGOTS FOLLOWED DIET APPROVAL OF GOJ'S PLAN ACQUIRE 145
FIGHTER JETS DURING NEXT 11 YRS. KAWASAKI/MITSUBISHI
TO MFR PLANES (REUTER TOKYO; CULLISON, JOC TOKYO).

EUR INDUSTRIALISTS TO MEET W/KEIDANREN OFFICIALS IN

BRUSSELS 4/20-21 IN HOPES OF FACILITATING SALE OF EUR GOODS IN JAPAN. GROUP REPORTEDLY WILL ALSO CARRY WARNING THAT IF JAPAN NON-COOPERATIVE, IT WILL PROBABLY FACE EUR COUNTERACTION (DREYER, JOC BRUSSELS).

CITING INCREASED DOMESTIC DEMAND, TOYOTA ANNOUNCES RECORD SALES IN MARCH OF OVER 274,000 VEHICLES (UPI, JOC).

HIGH-RANKING LEADERS OF JAPAN'S SEAMEN'S UNION/SHIPOWNERS' LABOR RELATIONS AGENCY CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN EFFORT RESUME FORMAL CONTRACT NEGOTS, WHICH BROKE OFF RECENTLY WHEN BOTH SIDES FAILED AGREE THAT TALKS SHOULD CONTINUE. SEAMEN HAVE BEEN WORKING W/O VALID CONTRACT SINCE 3/31 (CULLISON, JOC TOKYO).
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4. JAPAN/AUSTRALIA

JAPAN'S ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY WILL JOIN MAJOR COAL MINING VENTURE NEAR SYDNEY. PROJECT TO GUARANTEE COAL SALES TO JAPAN (AP, WSJ).

5. JAPAN/CHINA

CHINESE FISHING BOATS ARMED W/MACHINE GUNS VIOLATED CLAIMED JAPANESE TERRITORIAL WATERS OFF SENKAKU ISLANDS THURS. FONMIN SONODA TOLD DIET PRC HAD BEEN TOLD W/DRAW BOATS, BUT THAT 1ST SEC PRC EMB WEN REPLIED THAT ISLANDS BELONG TO CHINA. SONODA SAID HE DEEPLY REGRETTED INCIDENT, ESPECIALLY AT TIME WHEN JAPAN/PRC ABOUT TO RESUME TALKS ON PEACE/FRIENDSHIP TREATY (FOLEY, REUTER TOKYO).

6. CHINA

TASS REPORTS MONGOLIA HAS SENT DIPLO NOTE TO PRC PROTESTING CHINA'S CALL LAST MONTH FOR W/DRAWAL SOVIET TROOPS FROM MONGOLIA. NOTE STATED SOVIET FORCES WOULD REMAIN IN MONGOLIA UNTIL PEKING CHANGED ITS "EXPANSIONIST" POLICY/CEASED "OPEN WAR PREPARATIONS" (REUTER MOSCOW).

SOMALI PRES BARRE WILL VISIT CHINA FRIDAY, AT PEKING'S INVITATION. OBSERVERS EXPECT VISIT TO PROVIDE FURTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR PEKING REITERATE HOSTILITY TOWARD SOVIET POLICIES (REUTER PEKING).

WP'S O'TOOLE REPORTS IN 1960'S, CIA RECRUITED 14 AMERICAN MOUNTAINEERS TO PLACE NUKE-POWERED INSTRUMENTS IN HIMA-
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LAYAS TO SPY ON CHINESE ATOMIC TESTS/MISSILE FIRINGS.
ARTICLE IN "OUTSIDE" MAG SAYS 1 NUKE-POWERED INSTRUMENT
LOST ON MOUNTAIN SIDE WHICH MAY LEAK/CONTAMINATE INDIAN
RIVER SYSTEM VIA GANGES.

REUTER'S MACKENZIE (PEKING) REPORTS GROUP OF YOUNGSTERS
HAS PUT UP POSTER OUTSIDE PEKING CITY HALL COMPLAINING
THAT THEY HAVEN'T BEEN ENROLLED IN CITY'S UNIVERSITIES
ALTHO THEY ARE QUALIFIED. POSTER CRITICIZED PEKING MUNI-

CIPALITY FOR NOT CARRYING OUT RECENT INSTRUCTIONS FROM
TENG/EDUCATION MIN LIU THAT QUALIFIED STUDENTS SHOULD BE
ALLOWED ATTEND UNIVERSITIES AS DAY STUDENTS.

7. VIETNAM/CAMBODIA

PP RADIO SAID 4/12 DIVISION-SIZED VIET UNITS ATTACKED
5 AREAS ALONG BORDER, BUT HAD BEEN REPULSED/SENT FLEEING
"IN SHAME." THAI MIL INTELL SOURCES CONFIRMED SOME
FIGHTING, B'T SAID CAMBODIAN CLAIMS EXAGGERATED (AP, NYT).

IN INTERVIEW W/PP RADIO 4/13, POL POT APPEALED TO VN
ACCEPT WHAT HE TERMED CAMBODIA'S CORDIAL FRIENDSHIP.
OUTLINED CONDITIONS FOR SOLVING CONFLICT W/VN, WHICH HE
SAID MUST: 1) RESPECT CAMBODIA'S INDEPENDENCE; 2) RESPECT
FRONTIERS/TERRITORIAL WATERS SVN RECOGNIZED IN 1966/'67;
3) ABANDON PLAN FOR INDOCHINESE FEDERATION (MULUNSKI,
REUTER BANGKOK).

8. SINGAPORE/VIETNAM

REUTER'S BARKER (SINGAPORE) SAYS HIJACKED VIET FREIGHTER
ANCHORED IN SINGAPORE FOR 5 DAYS POSES PROBLEMS FOR GOS,
WHICH HAS YET ANNOUNCE PLANS FOR VESSEL/ITS 34 PASSENGERS,
CREW. GOS REFUSES ABSORB REFUGEES, ALTHO IT WILL FACIL-
ITATE THEIR TRANSIT TO 3RD COUNTRIES. AUSTRALIA ASKED
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TAKE 20 PEOPLE, BUT CANBERRA HAS NOT YET REPLIED. RE-
MAINING VIETS, INCL CAPTAIN, WISH RETURN HOME/WILL PROB-
ABLY BE ALLOWED DO SO W/SHIP.

9. AUSTRALIA

GOA HAS INTRODUCED LEGISLATION TO EXTEND AUSTRALIA'S

FISHING ZONE TO 200 MILES. PRIMARY INDUSTRY MIN SINCLAIR SAID AUSTRALIA PLANS GRAND FON FISHERMEN ACCESS TO EXPLOIT ,ESOURCES AUSSIE FISHERMEN COULD NOT ADEQUATELY DEVELOP (REUTER'S WILLIAMS, CANBERRA).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

10. VIETNAM

RETURNING FROM MONTH-LONG GUIDED TOUR VN, REPORTER JOHN ALPERT CONVINCED HANOI INFLICTED NOTHING APPROACHING BLOODBATH ON SVIETS AFTER PULLOUT US FORCES. FOUND SAIGON STILL OVERCROWDED, BESET BY INFLATION/JOBLESSNESS, W/FLOURISHING BLACK MKT STILL SELLING OFF WHAT AMERICANS LEFT BEHIND. SAYS DRUGS STILL PRESENT

SERIOUS PROBLEM/SOME 200,000 WARTIME PROSTITUTES NOW IN REHAB CENTERS, CALLED "CENTERS FOR THE RESTORATION OF WOMEN'S DIGNITY." ALPERT'S REPORT/FILM BROADCAST 4/11 ON PBS UNDER TITLE, "VIETNAM: PICKING UP THE PIECES" (WILLIAMS, NY POST).

REUTER'S FREEMAN (SINGAPORE) FINDS PEACETIME PROSPERITY HAS PROVEN ELUSIVE GOAL FOR SRV RULERS. CITES HANOI'S DEMAND FOR US AID, WHICH USG HAS REFUSED PROVIDE UNTIL OUTSTANDING BILAT DIFFERENCES RESOLVED. UNCLASSIFIED

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STATES W/O SUBSTANTIAL AID, SRV CANNOT SEE ANY QUICK SOLUTION TO ITS ECON PLIGHT. CHRISTOPHER

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